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EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS : AUSTRALIA  
PRELIMINARY STATEMENT



MAIN FEATURES

- Wage and salary earners in civilian employment totalled 4,844,300 at the end of March 1974.
- This was a rise of 208,500 (or 4.5 per cent) over the March 1973 figure.
- The increase for females was 8.1 per cent compared with 2.6 per cent for males.
- The Australian Capital Territory recorded the highest percentage increase (11.2 per cent) followed by Northern Territory 8.3, Western Australia 5.6, Queensland 5.3, South Australia 5.1, Tasmania 4.2 and New South Wales and Victoria 3.9.
- During the twelve months ended March, private employment increased by 5.1 per cent and government employment by 2.6 per cent.

Introduction

This preliminary statement will be followed in due course by the monthly bulletin *Employment and Unemployment* (Reference No. 6.4) which gives information in greater detail.

Reference period

2. Current data supplied by reporting enterprises or establishments generally refer to persons on the payroll for the last pay-period in each month.

Scope of estimates

3. The series in this statement relate only to *wage and salary earners* not the total labour force. The statistics therefore exclude employers, self-employed persons and unpaid helpers. Also excluded, because of the inadequacy of current data, are employees in agriculture and private domestic service, and some part-time employees. For the sake of brevity, wage and salary earners are referred to in the tables as 'employees'.

4. Persons who are on paid leave or who work during part of the pay-period and are unemployed or on strike during the rest of the period are generally counted as employed. Those not shown on employers' payrolls because they are on leave without pay, on strike or stood down for the entire period are excluded.

Method of estimation

5. The estimates are based on benchmarks derived from the results of the 1966 population census. Month-to-month changes shown by current returns are linked to the benchmark data to derive the monthly estimates. Current returns are of three main types:

- payroll tax returns
- returns from government bodies
- other current employment returns (e.g. for hospitals).

6. Recorded employment obtained from these sources is estimated to account for over 85 per cent of the total number of employees in the industries covered. The balance (that is, unrecorded private employment) is estimated.

Government employment

7. Government employees comprise not only administrative employees but also all other employees of government bodies (Australian, State, local and semi-government) on services such as railways, road transport, banks, post office, air transport, education (including universities), broadcasting, radio and T.V., police, public works, factories and departmental hospitals and institutions.

NOTE. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding. The figures shown are subject to revision.

TABLE 1. – CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES  
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)  
(’000)

Month	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T. (a)	Australia	
									Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)
MALES										
1973—February	1,117.0	838.2	406.4	278.6	226.9	90.3	20.5	43.0	3,020.9	3,012.2
March	1,119.4	838.8	409.5	279.9	228.1	90.9	20.3	43.5	3,030.5	3,020.4
1974—February	r1,139.5	855.7	421.1	284.9	235.4	92.9	21.2	46.6	r3,097.4	3,088.5
March	1,141.4	857.8	425.2	286.2	236.6	93.1	21.5	47.3	3,109.1	3,098.6
FEMALES										
1973—February	589.0	459.8	194.3	143.8	121.8	40.8	9.9	25.4	1,584.8	1,583.0
March	597.1	465.7	196.5	145.7	122.9	41.6	10.0	25.9	1,605.3	1,597.7
1974—February	638.6	492.1	210.5	r159.5	132.7	44.1	11.2	29.1	r1,717.7	1,716.0
March	642.9	497.9	213.0	160.9	134.2	45.0	11.3	29.9	1,735.2	1,727.0
PERSONS										
1973—February	1,706.0	1,298.0	600.7	422.4	348.7	131.1	30.4	68.4	4,605.7	4,594.9
March	1,716.5	1,304.5	606.0	425.6	351.0	132.5	30.3	69.4	4,635.8	4,619.3
1974—February	r1,778.1	1,347.8	631.6	r444.4	368.1	137.0	32.4	75.7	r4,815.1	4,804.1
March	1,784.3	1,355.7	638.2	447.1	370.8	138.1	32.8	77.2	4,844.3	4,827.1

(a) Includes persons employed in the Australian Capital Territory who reside in adjoining areas. (b) Seasonally adjusted statistics for these and other series have been revised following the annual re-analysis of data. For details of the methods used see *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* 1974 (Reference No. 1.10), to be issued shortly. r – revised.

TABLE 2. – TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES (PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT) AND DEFENCE FORCES : AUSTRALIA  
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)  
(’000)

Month	Private	Government (a)				Civilian employees	Defence forces (c)	Total civilian employees and defence forces
		Australian	State (b)	Local (b)	Total (b)			
MALES								
1973 – February	2,165.9	258.7	491.1	105.2	855.0	3,020.9	72.6	3,093.5
March	2,173.5	259.4	491.7	105.9	857.0	3,030.5	71.6	3,102.1
1974 – February	r2,237.0	267.5	r494.3	98.6	r860.4	r3,097.4	66.3	r3,163.7
March	2,246.2	267.9	496.2	98.7	862.9	3,109.1	65.6	3,174.7
FEMALES								
1973 – February	1,289.4	94.8	185.9	14.8	295.4	1,584.8	2.9	1,587.7
March	1,306.9	95.5	187.9	15.0	298.4	1,605.3	3.0	1,608.3
1974 – February	r1,399.0	103.9	r199.4	15.4	r318.7	r1,717.7	2.9	r1,720.6
March	1,412.1	104.8	203.0	15.4	323.1	1,735.2	2.8	1,738.0
PERSONS								
1973 – February	3,455.3	353.5	677.0	120.0	1,150.4	4,605.7	75.5	4,681.2
March	3,480.4	354.9	679.6	120.9	1,155.4	4,635.8	74.6	4,710.4
1974 – February	r3,635.9	371.4	r693.7	114.0	r1,179.2	r4,815.1	69.2	r4,884.3
March	3,658.3	372.7	699.2	114.0	1,186.0	4,844.3	68.4	4,912.7

(a) Includes semi-government bodies. (b) Includes State and local government employees (4.7 thousand persons in December 1973) engaged in agriculture, or in private homes as employees of government emergency housekeeper services. (c) Permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas. r – revised.

TABLE 3. - CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES BY INDUSTRY, AUSTRALIA  
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)  
(<sup>'000</sup>)

		Forestry, fishing and trapping	Mining and quarrying	Extracting, refining, founding, etc. (a)	Metal products	Machinery and parts	Total founding, engineering, metal working (b)	Ships, vehicles, etc.	Clothing and knitted goods	Food, drink and tobacco	Total manufacturing (b)	Electricity, gas, water and sanitary services	Building and construction	
Month														
MALES														
1973	February	14.4	70.1	89.7	101.7	98.8	340.6	176.3	17.0	150.4	1,030.2	109.1	366.4	
	March	14.3	69.8	89.5	102.0	99.2	341.4	177.1	17.0	149.8	1,032.4	109.2	367.9	
1974	February	13.8	70.7	89.9	104.1	104.3	349.5	180.8	17.3	145.3	1,047.1	109.6	365.3	
	March	13.6	71.2	90.0	104.0	104.2	349.5	181.0	17.3	145.1	1,047.9	109.9	369.3	
FEMALES														
1973	February	0.6	4.7	7.6	23.4	16.9	77.3	21.6	72.0	57.2	356.7	8.6	18.9	
	March	0.7	4.6	7.7	23.7	17.4	79.1	22.3	72.0	57.8	360.8	8.6	19.2	
1974	February	0.7	4.9	9.3	26.3	20.0	89.5	27.7	73.1	59.1	386.3	8.8	20.9	
	March	0.8	4.9	9.7	26.7	20.5	90.5	28.4	73.3	59.6	390.9	8.8	21.1	
PERSONS														
1973	February	15.0	74.8	97.2	125.1	115.6	417.9	197.8	89.0	207.6	1,386.9	117.6	385.3	
	March	14.9	74.4	97.2	125.8	116.6	420.5	199.4	89.0	207.7	1,393.1	117.8	387.1	
1974	February	14.5	75.5	99.2	130.4	124.3	439.0	208.5	90.4	204.4	1,433.4	118.3	386.2	
	March	14.4	76.1	99.7	130.7	124.7	440.0	209.4	90.6	204.7	1,438.8	118.7	390.4	
Month		Road transport and storage	Total transport and storage (b)	Communi- cation	Finance and property	Retail trade	Total commerce (b)	Public authority activities, (n.e.i.)	Health, hospitals, etc.	Education	Total community and business services (b)	Hotels, personal service, etc.	Total amuse- ment, hotels, personal service, etc. (b)	Total all industry groups
MALES														
1973	February	100.6	221.2	96.2	128.0	230.4	442.1	146.3	51.5	107.0	272.2	86.5	124.7	3,020.9
	March	101.1	221.2	96.2	128.8	231.8	444.0	147.0	51.7	108.1	273.6	87.8	126.1	3,030.5
1974	February	105.7	227.1	100.2	133.0	244.2	461.4	150.7	53.8	112.5	286.4	93.3	132.2	3,097.4
	March	106.4	228.5	100.1	133.6	245.4	463.1	151.3	54.2	113.6	288.0	94.0	132.8	3,109.1
FEMALES														
1973	February	13.2	28.9	28.4	98.1	255.4	342.3	69.2	214.9	143.5	453.7	152.7	174.6	1,584.8
	March	13.3	29.0	28.3	98.8	260.9	348.7	69.8	216.7	146.0	458.9	155.5	177.8	1,605.3
1974	February	14.3	30.8	30.4	106.6	284.4	377.7	76.4	227.6	155.9	486.2	164.7	188.1	1,717.7
	March	14.5	31.0	30.5	107.2	286.5	380.9	77.6	229.0	158.9	491.8	166.1	189.8	1,735.2
PERSONS														
1973	February	113.8	250.2	124.6	226.1	485.8	784.4	215.5	266.5	250.5	725.9	239.2	299.3	4,605.7
	March	114.4	250.3	124.5	227.6	492.7	792.7	216.8	268.4	254.0	732.5	243.3	303.9	4,635.8
1974	February	119.9	257.9	130.7	239.5	528.5	839.1	227.0	281.4	268.4	772.6	258.0	320.3	4,815.1
	March	120.9	259.5	130.6	240.8	532.0	844.0	228.9	283.1	272.6	779.7	260.2	322.6	4,844.3

(a) Includes manufacture of metal rods, bars, sheets, pipes, tubes and wire (except electric). (b) Includes industries not specified in the preceding columns. r - revised.

TABLE 4. — CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES : AUSTRALIA  
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES  
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)  
(000)

Month	Total civilian employees			Private/Government (persons)		Principal industries (persons)	
	Males	Females	Persons	Private	Government (a)	Manufacturing	Commerce
ORIGINAL							
1973 — February	3,020.9	1,584.8	4,605.7	3,455.3	1,150.4	1,386.9	784.4
March	3,030.5	1,605.3	4,635.8	3,480.4	1,155.4	1,393.1	792.7
April (b)	(c)3,020.8	1,604.9	(c)4,625.7	(c)3,467.1	1,158.6	(c)1,383.4	792.6
May (b)	(c)3,029.1	1,620.2	(c)4,649.3	(c)3,489.2	1,160.1	(c)1,387.7	801.6
June	(c)3,027.5	1,626.8	(c)4,654.3	(c)3,494.1	1,160.2	(c)1,384.5	804.6
July	3,032.6	1,632.6	4,665.2	3,507.0	1,158.2	1,394.3	804.1
August	3,041.4	1,642.9	4,684.3	3,526.6	1,157.7	1,403.3	808.0
September	3,044.3	1,656.7	4,701.0	3,545.9	1,155.1	1,407.3	813.5
October	3,048.6	1,674.1	4,722.7	3,568.3	1,154.4	1,413.3	825.0
November r	3,075.5	1,701.5	4,777.0	3,618.5	1,158.5	1,429.8	845.1
December r	3,091.5	1,703.9	4,795.4	3,631.1	1,164.3	1,428.1	857.9
1974 — January	3,087.7	1,687.0	4,774.7	r3,612.4	r1,162.3	1,424.8	838.6
February	r3,097.4	r1,717.7	r4,815.1	r3,635.9	r1,179.2	1,433.4	839.1
March	3,109.1	1,735.2	4,844.3	3,658.3	1,186.0	1,438.8	844.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (d)							
1973 — February	3,012.2	1,583.0	4,594.9	3,449.7	1,145.8	1,381.8	787.5
March	3,020.4	1,597.7	4,619.3	3,468.3	1,146.7	1,384.0	795.4
April (b)	(c)3,014.9	1,601.4	(c)4,617.7	(c)3,463.2	1,150.4	(c)1,381.9	795.0
May (b)	(c)3,024.9	1,617.6	(c)4,642.4	(c)3,487.1	1,153.6	(c)1,387.4	801.9
June	(c)3,028.9	1,628.7	(c)4,658.2	(c)3,500.3	1,158.2	(c)1,387.3	807.6
July	3,041.0	1,639.0	4,679.9	3,521.3	1,158.8	1,400.6	809.7
August	3,051.4	1,650.4	4,702.5	3,542.1	1,160.2	1,409.5	815.1
September	3,056.1	1,661.4	4,717.4	3,557.4	1,160.2	1,411.4	818.2
October	3,060.7	1,674.1	4,735.6	3,573.9	1,161.8	1,414.6	826.5
November	3,072.5	1,690.4	4,763.1	3,599.6	1,163.7	1,421.7	835.0
December	3,080.2	1,696.8	4,772.2	3,614.0	1,163.4	1,429.5	836.7
1974 — January	3,087.6	1,700.5	4,788.6	3,618.7	1,172.9	1,426.7	838.7
February	3,088.5	1,716.0	4,804.1	3,630.5	1,174.5	1,428.3	842.5
March	3,098.6	1,727.0	4,827.1	3,645.6	1,177.0	1,429.5	846.8

(a) See footnote (a) to Table 2. (b) April 1973 held an unusual holiday period because Anzac Day fell two days after Easter Monday. This feature is thought to have had a depressing effect on the expansion of employment in the last pay-period of April and, by postponement, to have reinforced expansion in May. Such an effect remains in the seasonally adjusted, as well as in the original, figures. (c) Affected by industrial dispute. (d) See footnote (b) to Table 1. r — revised.

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